

## ROCKY FLATS ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY SITE REGULATORY CONTACT RECORD

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**Date/Time:** April 3, 2001/ 10:15 a.m.

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**Purpose of Contact:** Inability to conduct daily RCRA inspections on April 3, 2001 in B776/777

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### Discussion

A power failure occurred April 2, 2001 at approximately 2330 hours when a raccoon crawled into a 13, 500 kW transformer outside B707. The raccoon shorted out the transformer, interrupting electrical power to B707 and B776/777. B707 supplies power (both alternating current and emergency power) for B776/777's criticality alarm panel. Power was off for approximately six hours. An emergency battery system supplied power to the criticality alarm panel during this period.

On April 3, 2001, the B776/777 criticality alarm panel was deemed to be inoperable because the emergency battery system had been drained below the surveillance voltage specifications. Until the batteries were either recharged to surveillance specifications or replaced, a test of the criticality alarm system could not be conducted and therefore could not be returned to operability.

As a result, B776/777 was evacuated on April 3, 2001. Access was restricted to personnel working to return the criticality alarm panel to operability. RCRA daily inspections of tank/tank systems located in B776/777 could not be completed.

I contacted both James Hindman and Edd Kray of CDPHE on April 3 and left phone messages describing the situation. In accordance with Section IV-4, Part 8 Inspections, "Whenever a required inspection cannot be conducted, the reason must be documented in the facility's operating record, and the inspection must be conducted once Site or building access is allowed." A note briefly describing this occurrence which prevented completion of the daily RCRA inspections will be entered on the RCRA inspection logsheets and will reference this Contact Record.

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Routine RCRA inspections were resumed on April 4, 2001. No abnormal conditions were observed during this inspection.

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